

# **SC Annual School Report Card Summary**

McCracken Middle School

**Spartanburg School District Seven** Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 688** 

**Principal: Margaret Peach** 

Superintendent: Dr. Russell W. Booker Board Chair: Lawrence E. Flynn, Jr.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

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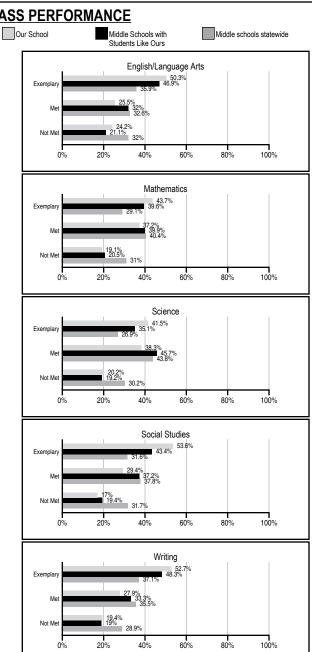
| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD |                 | ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM |                          |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
|      |                 |               | General Performance            | Closing the Gap | ESEA Grade                                | Accountability Indicator |
| 2012 | Excellent       | Good          | TBD                            | TBD             | Α   | N/A                      |
| 2011 | Good            | Average       | Silver                         | N/A             | Not Met                                   | N/A                      |
| 2010 | Good            | Good          | Silver                         | N/A             | Not Met                                   | N/A                      |

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 21        | 6    | 7       | 0             | 0       |

<sup>\*</sup> Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

#### PASS PERFORMANCE



## **NAEP PERFORMANCE\***

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAFP Achievement Levels

| Percentages at NA  | LI Adilievellielit L | -CVCI3. |      |  |
|--|----------------------|---------|------|--|
| READING - GRAD   | E 8 (2011)           |         |      |  |
| South Carolina   | 28                   | 45      | 25 2 |  |
| Nation   | 25                   | 43      | 29   |  |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced  ■ Below Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced |                      |         |      |  |
| MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)  |                      |         |      |  |
| South Carolina   | 30                   | 38      | 25 7 |  |
| Nation   | 28                   | 39      | 26   |  |
| % Below Basic  |                      |         |      |  |
| SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)   |                      |         |      |  |
| South Carolina   | 45                   | 32      | 22 1 |  |
| Nation   | 38                   | 33      | 28 1 |  |
| % Below Basic  |                      |         |      |  |

| END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012            |                   |   |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|
| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our Middle School | Middle Schools with<br>Students Like Ours |  |  |
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 100.0             | 97.1                                      |  |  |
| English 1                             | 100.0             | 92.1                                      |  |  |
| Physical Science                      | N/A               | N/A                                       |  |  |
| US History and the Constitution       | N/A               | 9   |  |  |
| All Subjects                          | 100.0             | 96.0                                      |  |  |

#### **SC PERFORMANCE VISION**

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

## McCracken Middle School [Spartanburg School District Seven]

## **SCHOOL PROFILE**

|  | Our School       | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools<br>with Students<br>Like Ours | Median<br>Middle<br>School |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Students (n=688)   |                  |                       |  |                            |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)               | 66.2%            | Up from 40.5%         | 35.5%  | 22.9%                      |
| Retention rate   | 0.0%             | Down from 0.5%        | 0.7%   | 0.8%                       |
| Attendance rate  | 96.7%            | Up from 95.5%         | 96.9%  | 96.2%                      |
| Served by gifted and talented program  | N/AV             | N/AV                  | N/AV   | N/AV                       |
| With disabilities other than speech  | N/AV             | N/AV                  | N/AV   | N/AV                       |
| Older than usual for grade   | N/AV             | N/AV                  | N/AV   | N/AV                       |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.3%             | Up from 0.2%          | 0.3%   | 0.5%                       |
| Annual dropout rate  | 0.7%             | Up from 0.2%          | 0.0%   | 0.0%                       |
| Teachers (n=55)  |                  |                       |  |                            |
| Teachers with advanced degrees   | 61.8%            | Down from 63.3%       | 62.1%  | 61.3%                      |
| Continuing contract teachers   | N/AV             | N/AV                  | N/AV   | N/AV                       |
| Teachers returning from previous year  | 81.9%            | Down from 90.8%       | 88.8%  | 86.7%                      |
| Teacher attendance rate  | 95.4%            | Down from 95.5%       | 95.3%  | 95.2%                      |
| Average teacher salary*  | \$51,399         | Up 1.8%               | \$47,714                                     | \$46,422                   |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers                              | 1.9%             | Down from 4.8%        | 4.8%   | 2.0%                       |
| Professional development days/teacher  | 12.2 days        | Up from 9.4 days      | 9.7 days                                     | 10.0 days                  |
| School   |                  |                       |  |                            |
| Principal's years at school  | 3.0              | Up from 2.0           | 4.0  | 4.0                        |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects                                       | 19.1 to 1        | Down from 22.8 to 1   | 23.4 to 1                                    | 22.0 to 1                  |
| Prime instructional time   | 91.2%            | Up from 89.8%         | 91.2%  | 90.1%                      |
| Opportunities in the arts  | Excellent        | No Change             | Good   | Good                       |
| SACS accreditation   | Yes              | No Change             | Yes  | Yes                        |
| Parents attending conferences  | 100.0%           | Up from 99.2%         | 99.5%  | 98.8%                      |
| Character development program  | Below<br>Average | Down from Average     | Good   | Good                       |
| Dollars spent per pupil**  | \$7,260          | Down 5.5%             | \$6,753                                      | \$7,245                    |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction**                                    | 68.2%            | Up from 67.6%         | 63.5%  | 63.1%                      |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**                               | 67.4%            | Up from 66.8%         | 62.2%  | 60.9%                      |
| ESEA composite index score   | 96.1             | N/A                   | 92.6   | 88.1                       |

Length of contract = 185+ days.

#### **EVALUATION RESULTS**

|  | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned                             | 60       | 212       | 83       |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment            | 98.3%    | 81.0%     | 89.0%    |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 98.3%    | 83.3%     | 87.7%    |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations           | 98.3%    | 90.0%     | 86.7%    |

<sup>\*</sup>Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

As a result of dedication and hard work by our many stakeholders, McCracken Middle School created a culture of collaboration, which led to a very successful 2011-2012 school year. During our first year as a middle school we had many notable accomplishments in athletics, arts, academics and our activities at the regional, state, and national level while maintaining our focus on the achievements of individual students. Building on a rich tradition of excellence our staff, parents, administration, and community provided tremendous support which made these successes possible.

Our students are led and inspired by a remarkable team of faculty and administration, who added honors to an already impressive trophy case. For the second year in a row we received the Palmetto Silver Award for academic excellence. Our Math Olympiad Team received a number of honors in their inaugural year. All three of our Wordmaster Teams ranked nationally with our 8th grade team ranking first in the nation. Students participating in the National French Exam did extremely well with two of our students ranking in the top ten. We continue to enjoy participating in the Duke TIP and Junior Scholars program with great success. Students in our performing arts garnered superior rankings in district, region and state competitions and had unprecedented achievements. This was the first year for our Green Sneaker Fiddlers, Orchestra After Hours Club, and our Chamber Orchestra along with our band's Brass Choir. Our chorus students working with our drama and art departments produced, "High School Musical" this year and performed to three sold out audiences.

Our students soared like Eagles with athletic successes. Our football team was the conference champion runner up, our basketball teams went to the playoffs, and in wrestling we had four students invited to the state playoff tournament which is a record for McCracken Middle School. Many of our young men participated in a book study led by our AD based on, Uncommon, by Tony Dungee. Our student athletes continue to develop and build on a strong platform of conditioning, skills, and character.

These remarkable hallmarks of our 2011-2012 journey are only possible because of our dedicated and dynamic staff, our cooperative parents, fantastic students and a network of supportive community stakeholders who share our commitment to excellence in education every day for every child.

Margaret Peach, Principal Cathy Ellett, SIC Chairperson

<sup>\*\*</sup> Prior year audited financial data available.